

MINUTES

Seattle City Employees' Retirement System
Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 9, 2009 – 9:00 a.m.
Pacific Building, 10th Floor

Present: Jean Godden, Dwight Dively, Mark McDermott, Lou Walter, Mary Norris, and Rod Rich

Absent: Frank Mathews (excused)

Also Present: Walt North (ARSCE); Gwen Jensen (ARSCE); Jim Taylor (ARSCE); Edie Jorgensen (ARSCE); Brian Rowe; William Song, Esq. (Song Mondress); Carlton Seu, Esq. (City Attorney Office); Cecelia M. Carter (SCERS)

Chairperson Jean Godden called the meeting to order this Wednesday 09.09.09 at 9:00 a.m.

Public Comment: *there being none.*

Minutes:

Motion: Upon motion by Lou Walter, seconded by Mary Norris, the Retirement Board approved the minutes from the August 5, 2009 Retirement Board meeting.

Ratification of Retired Payroll, Office Payroll, Other Payments and Withdrawals:

Information: The following items represent normal expenses and nothing extraordinary.

Service	\$ 8,006,359.91
Beneficiary	\$ 933,899.98
Disability	\$ 71,892.48
Pension Payroll – PPE August 31, 2009	\$ 9,012,152.37
Office Payroll – PPE July 7th & 21st, 2009	\$ 48,078.92
Vouchers Processed – July 31, 2009	\$ 847,715.78*
* \$759,884.76 Expert and Consultant Services	

Immediate Withdrawals of Contributions for the month of August 2009:

<i>Member</i>	<i>Department Name</i>	<i>Position</i>
Hayes, Jennifer Ann	SDOT	Transportation Planner
Cain, Suzette Lavonne	City Light	Electrical Constructor
*Conley, Peggy Lou		
Brooks, Jermaine M	Parks	Laborer
Nguyen, Sibelle T	Neighborhood	Planning & Dev Spec II
Redmond-Odell, Rita Victoria	HSD	Counselor-Assistant
Sneed, William	Police	School Crossing Guard
Sneed, Margaret	Police	School Crossing Guard
Jama, Edil Ali A	HSD	Social Service Aide
Siguenza, Raymond Anthony	DOIT	Information Tech Prof C
Deleon Ramirez, Carol	City Light	Title Examiner

Member	Department Name	Position
Hannus, Robert C	Parks	Strategic Advisor I
Newton, Sara A	Personnel	Administrative Spec I
Moreno, Emma	Neighborhood	Project Manager
Nearg, Kevin	Seattle Center	Usher
Vaimaona, Patricia P	Parks	Laborer
Jackmon-Hart, Donna	Parks	Program – Aide
Hanes, Tanginka La'Shae	SPU	Utility Account Rep
Kennedy, Margaret T	SPU	Scale Attendant
Deegan, Teresa Marie	Parks	Recreation Attendant
Forde Jr., John N	City Light	Energy Mgmt Analyst, Asst
Molnar, Ann Marie	City Light	Library Associate I
Weiner, Elizabeth	Parks	Laborer
Ford, Gwendolyn	Ethics & Elections	Admin Staff Assistant
Tran, Thao	Neighborhood	Planning & Dev Spec II
Chamberlain, Andrew D	SDOT	Sr. Finance Analyst
Perrela, Hanni C	Law	Assistant City Attorney
Inman, Trever Michael	Seattle Center	Laborer
Li, Ming Ji	Muni Court	Presentation Developer
Nishita, Jane H	Light	Assistant to Superintendent
Vikram, Robert	Law	Administrative Spec I
*Latu, Ameila T		
Pakas, Melissa Kay	Parks	Laborer
Raffa, Peter	Library	Executive II

**Bold indicates beneficiary of active member who died.*

34 Withdrawals for a total of: \$659,527.18

Motion: Upon motion by Dwight Dively, seconded by Rod Rich, the Retirement Board ratified the Retiree Payroll, Office Payroll, other Payments and Withdrawals.

Ratification of Service Retirements:

Information: The following list represents the retirements that have been processed since the last Retirement Board meeting.

Retiree	Retire Date	Years Service	Days Service	Department Name	Position	Age
Bound, Virginia	7/28/09	17	332	Vested - Parks	Zoo Keeper	59
Christman, Salud D	8/05/09	29	350	City Light	Actg Support Asst-BU	72
Fenker, Lois A	8/04/09	10	218	Library	Dir of Library Services	61
Gergich Jr., John E	7/22/09	11	350	Police	Chief – SPD Dispatch	62
Gertsch, Terrance E	8/05/09	17	306	SDOT	Truck Driver	62
Glass, Donald P	8/05/09	35	123	City Light	Comms Elctn II	67
Goronczy, Kathy M	7/09/09	24	118	Vested - Health	Fiscal Specialist III	57
Hastig, John D	7/08/09	13	229	Vested – City Light	Civil Engineer	65
Hughes, Lester R	8/05/09	30	181	Fleets & Facilities	Auto Mechanic	65
Jarvis, Cathleen	7/10/09	12	15	Vested - Law	Manager I	57
Johnson, Aaron Jeffery	7/17/09	22	354	City Light	Strucl Iron Worker	56

<i>Retiree</i>	<i>Retire Date</i>	<i>Years Service</i>	<i>Days Service</i>	<i>Department Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Age</i>
Kilaouy, Norma Melara	7/24/09	12	196	Vested- DHHS	Administrative Spec II	59
Lagerwey, Peter A	8/05/09	24	9	SDOT	Transp. Planner, Sr	57
Landicho, Michel G	7/11/09	26	245	Fleets & Facilities	Accountant	53
Larsen, Donald	8/05/09	7	299	Parks	Plumber	66
Mead, William P	7/07/09	18	339	Library	Library Assoc IV	62
Olson, Marlen Joseph	7/13/09	36	326	Metro Transit	Functional Analyst III	62
Sheehan, Thomas S	8/05/09	30	289	Law	Assistant City Attorney	59
Smith, Herman	8/05/09	30	24	SPU	Manager I Utilities	56
Trijonis, Kathryn E	7/30/09	5	141	Vested -DHHS	Counselor	65

Motion: Upon motion by Lou Walter, seconded by Dwight Dively, the Retirement Board approved and ratified the service retirements listed above, pending final review.

For the month of August: 48 new members entered the System, 20 retired from the System, 2 retirement continuations due to death of retiree, 1 retirement adjustments due to social security payments beginning; 1 C-option expiration and 34 others terminated City employment.

Ratification of Investment Transactions and Statement of Securities and Cash:

Information: Provided in the Retirement Board packet is the Investment Summary reports that represent the transaction summary and the market value of the investments as of July 31, 2009. (*Attachment #2*)

Overall, there were gains in August; September is looking good as well. Dwight Dively and Lou Walter requested minor formatting changes in the report. Management noted and changes will be implemented.

Motion: Upon motion by Dwight Dively, seconded by Rod Rich, the Retirement Board accepts the Investment Summary report.

Investment Committee Report:

Cecelia Carter reported on the discussion that took place at the Investment Committee meeting on August 27, 2009. The Board Investment Committee and Investment Advisory Committee went over the quarterly review ending June 30. One particular manager, Capital Management Associates, continued to show poor performance against their benchmark. Therefore, the Investment Committee recommended termination of relationship.

The Seattle City Employees' Retirement System (SCERS) portfolio had an aggregate value of \$1.5 billion as of June 30, 2009. This represents a \$133.6 million increase in value over the last quarter, including minus (\$1.5) million in net cash flows. During the previous one-year period, the SCERS Total Portfolio decreased by (\$466.2) million. This significant volatility reflects the impact of the recent economic crisis and the recent fledgling signs of some form of near-term recovery.

Motion: Upon motion by Lou Walter, seconded by Rod Rich, the Retirement Board moved to terminate the relationship with Capital Management Associates.

Executive Director Report:

Cecelia Carter gave the Board an update on the two personnel positions to be hired. The interviews for the first round of Investment Strategic Advisor candidates will take place September 11, 2009.

Old Business:

(1) Status of Benefit Enhancements

Information: The estimated current funding level of the Retirement Fund is: 62.85% as of July 31, 2009

The above amount is an estimate calculated each month by the Retirement Office staff. As provided by Ordinance 120685, changes to the Floor COLA will occur once the funding level has reached at least 100% and has been confirmed by the Board after commissioning an actuarial valuation.

New Business:

- 2009 Board Retreat date is being set up. It may be sometime in early December before a date is scheduled. The retreat will be an all-day session.

Executive Session

The Board reserves the right to enter into executive session if necessary.

The Board entered into Executive Session to discuss Employee Contributions for Certain City Employees.

Motion: Upon motion by Jean Godden, seconded by Rod Rich, the Board went into Executive Session at 9:25 a.m.

Motion: Upon motion by Mary Norris, seconded by Lou Walter, the Board came out of Executive Session at 9:40 a.m.

- No action taken

The Board went into a second executive session.

The Board entered into Executive Session to discuss vendor relationships.

Upon motion by Dwight Dively, seconded by Mark McDermott, the Board went into a second Executive Session at 9:40 a.m.

Dwight Dively left the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

Upon motion by Mark McDermott, seconded by Lou Walter, the Board came out of Executive Session at 10:00 a.m.

Motion: Upon by Lou Walter, seconded by Rod Rich, the Retirement Board recommended that Moss Adams be invited to the next Board meeting to recap the 2008 Retirement System audit.

Adjournment:

Motion: Upon motion by Rod Rich, seconded by Mark McDermott, the Retirement Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

Mark McDermott, Secretary